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For:

IMAGE RETRIEVING APPARATUS PERFORMING RETRIEVAL BASED ON CODING INFORMATION UTILIZED FOR FEATURED FRAME EXTRACTION

OR FEATURE VALUES OF FRAMES

## REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 2, 2004, the deadline for responding having been extended by one month, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.

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